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THE JUDGE IN THE PIETERMARITZBURG ANC TRIAL HAS TURNED
DOWN THE REQUEST FROM DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR PERMISSION TO
APPEAL THE CONVICTIONS OF THE NINE BLACK DEFENDANTS. (FYI:
UNDER S.A. LAW THE TRIAL JUDGE HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE IF
THERE IS SUFFICIENT MERIT IN AN APPEAL TO WARRANT ITS
CONSIDERATION BY A HIGHER COURT.) WITH THIS ROUTE OF APPEAL
FORMALLY CLOSED, THE ONLY HOPE OF THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS IS
TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF S.A.
ASKING THAT HE ORDER AN APPEAL TO BE HEARD. DEFENSE LAWYERS
HAVE INDICATED TO US THAT THEY WILL FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE
THOUGH THEY AREN'T OPTIMISTIC THAT THEIR REQUEST FOR A
REVIEW OF THE VERDICT WILL BE GRANTED.FARBER

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